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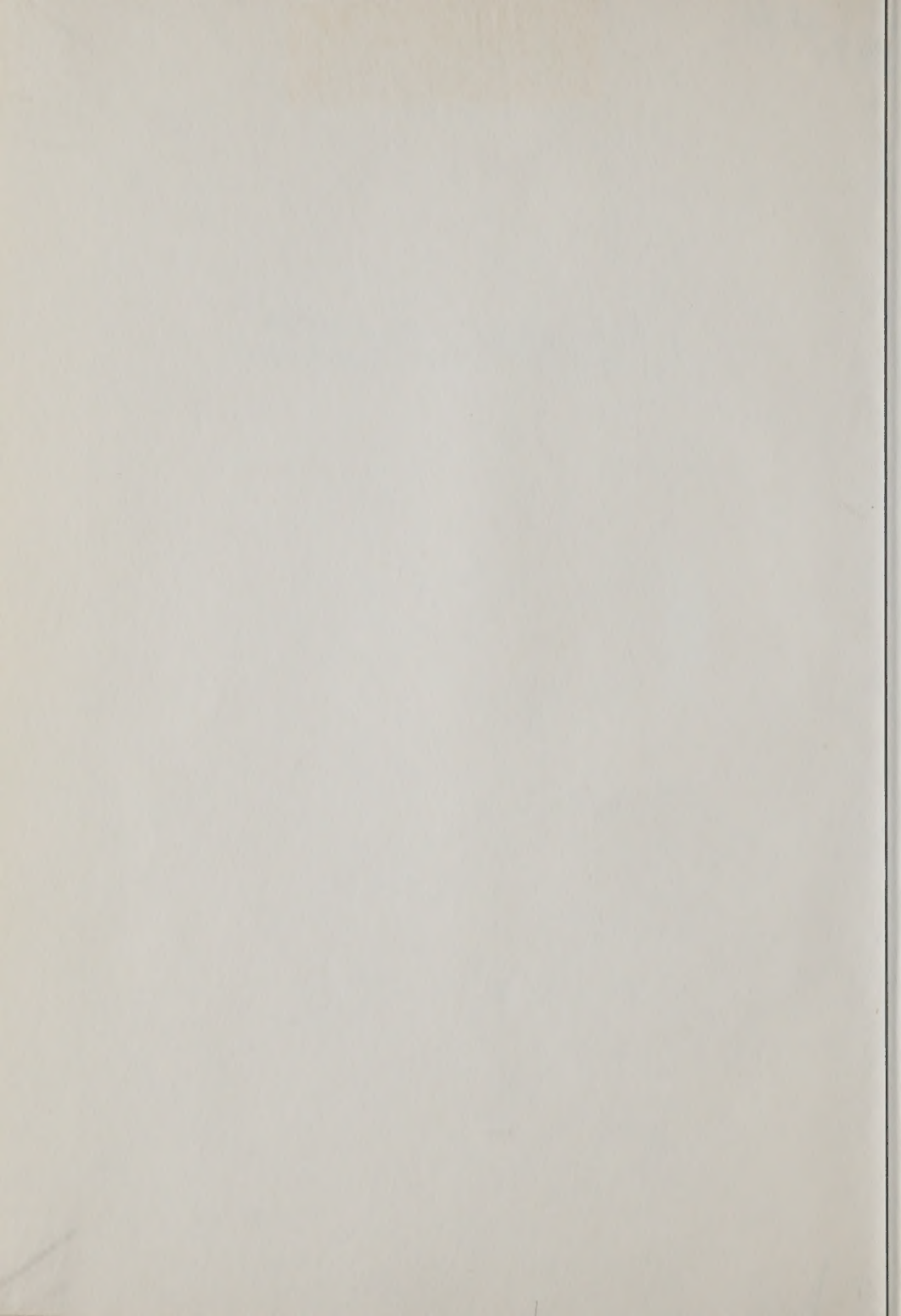
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THE HISTORY OF SUFFIELD TOWNSHIP

150 YEARS OF PROGRESS

The township of Suffield lies in the extreme southwestern part of Portage County and is the southern portion of the Western Reserve. These Reserve Lands, as they were called, were sold by the State of Connecticut to the Connecticut Land Company which in turn sold to private owners.

Royal Pease was the first owner to come to this part of the country, coming in June of 1802 and constructing a small cabin on what is now known as Kent's Corners. Benejob Kent, Samuel Hale and Nathan Moore were also early dealers in lands, the latter two being Revolutionary War veterans; both are buried in the Township Cemetery north of Kent's Corners.

In those early days there were only Indian trails and the dense forest was populated with wild animals and game birds. However, Pease and Moore were surveyors and, as other settlers arrived, roads were widened for ox teams and horses, and land was cleared for farms.

Benjamin Baldwin, one of those who followed Pease in 1803, brought with him apple seeds which he distributed among his associates. These were the fore-runner of the now famous Baldwin apple. It was said that when Baldwin arrived, he was a welcome sight to Pease as that worthy was tired of hearing the howl of the animals of the forest near his lonely cabin.

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FIRST EVENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP

First school in 1807 was taught by Harvey Hulbert.

First store was opened in 1816 by James Van Gordon at the Mill on Fritch's Pond.

Township was organized April 6, 1818, and name was changed from Peasetown to Suffield.

First Post Office was opened in 1833 with Benjamin Fritch as Postmaster.

First tavern, operated by Seth Dustin, was opened in 1840.

First Church was organized in 1841 as German-Reformed, with Rev. Hamm as first preacher.

The First church in the Village was a log structure, located in the north-west corner of cemetery. Later, a frame building was erected at the same place.

First school in Suffield Center was across from the old pond, a one-room building, which was later moved across the road, and the new two story building was erected in 1891, which was the first High School. Township schools were centralized in a new building erected in 1924.

First pavement, east and west, was built in 1915 and this was a part of U. S. Route 17, now is the cross-country U. S. Route 224, which was widened in 1926.

First pavement, north and south, was built in 1928, and is State Route 43.

First burial in Township Cemetery was that of Samuel Hale, a Revolutionary Veteran, buried in 1805.

Those families that took an active part in early township events:

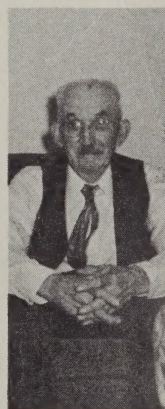
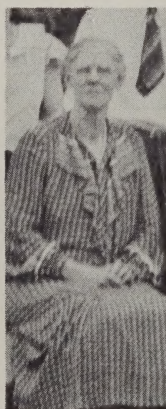
The Hively family, whose descendants lived in the northern part of township.
The Moulton family who came in 1817 and whose descendants live in Mogadore.
The Sausamon family whose descendants live in Hartville.
The Smyth family who came from Ireland by way of Hudson Bay in 1818.
A branch of the Hale family in Mogadore are descendants.

Adam Weaver, early Minister of the Reformed Church, and his brother, Daniel, came from Germany about 1850, settled in this southern tip of the township. Present descendants of the Daniel Weaver family are the Rufener, Weary, George Fritch and Henry Weaver families.

Nathan Moore, surveyor and landowner, born in 1768, married Juliana Lee of Vermont, migrated to this township from Connecticut in 1803. Their daughter, Chloe, married David Cook, a War of 1812 veteran. Their son, Nathan, was born in 1816 on the farm occupied by the Cook generations, now the home of the Howard Cook family, direct descendants. Newton and Jamin Cook, father and uncle of Howard, were famous violinists, playing for dances for many years.

In 1841, the German Reformed Church was organized with Rev. Hamm the first minister. The cemetery lot was donated 113 years ago by Jacob Rhodes. The first building was made of logs and was moved to the west end of the village and is now the home of the Joseph Wohlwend family. The second church building is now the store operated by George Stout Company.

In 1882 Phillip Cramer and his wife deeded the lot on which the present building now stands. The Trustees who had charge of building the present edifice were Daniel Bolender, Henry Agne, Simon Kiester, and William Paulus. It is now known as the Evangelical and Reformed Church. In the last ten years, the building has undergone extensive remodeling. The present Minister is Rev. Blum who with his family lives in the new parsonage.



ALL WERE BORN IN SUFFIELD TOWNSHIP, Left to Right:

Frank A. Kline, age 78

Emma Cramer, age 83

Mary K. Bissler, age 84

Minne Shanafelt, age 84

Aloys Miller, age 82

Lewis Swartz, age 84

In 1808 quite a number of settlers arrived, among them being Moses Adams from Massachusetts. He had a large family of children, but his wife died on the way out. In 1810 he was elected Justice of the Peace and served nine years; he also was the first Representative in the Legislature. Moses Adams, Jr., with other sturdy pioneers, Miles and Hiram Culver and John Fritch, were noted hunters in their day, often bringing in their kill before breakfast. In 1820 the Moses Adams family built a substantial two story brick house, with a fireplace in



every room. The bricks were made in an adjoining field; this house is still standing and is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Mishler.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized and built in 1875, with Rev. Harshman as first Minister. The building has since burned down.

St. Joseph Catholic Church just over the Randolph-Suffield border claims a large number of its members from this township. It was founded in 1831. It was regularly organized by Rev. Victor Housner in 1865 and a building erected the same year. This building burned in 1904, and was replaced by a splendid new building the following year. The new school was built in 1922. Lourdes Grotto was built in 1927. Rev. F. J. Bertram is the present pastor.

Fritch's Mills were erected in 1805 or 1806, but it was soon abandoned because of sanitary reasons. Later, another mill was built, then it was converted into a carding shop. Later a pottery shop was established, of which there were several in the township.

Gates' Mill, situated east of Mogadore Square in Suffield Township, was a busy flour and feed mill, which was taken down many years ago.

At different times, there were a carriage shop, a harness shop, a carriage and wagon factory, and a Schweitzer Kase factory where was manufactured a fine brand of cheese.

The Fisher Lumber yard was located on the present Cramer property. Also a lumber mill and cider press was operated on the banks of the pond in the village. At present, this industry is pursued by Milton Kurtz.

Ever since 1835 or 1837, when a large German immigration set into the township, there have been successful farmers. With the principles of strict economy, industry and honesty, Suffield has been made to blossom like a rose. Some of the finest farms are in this area. Market gardening is one of the big industries. However, the community could be almost called a suburb of Akron, as many residents find their daily employment there.

About 1916, at the time of World War I, there was erected by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company on the south shore of Fritch's Lake, a large Hangar, where aircraft were assembled, for Government use. Later it was enlarged and at the present time employs about 700 men. Also, about this same time, the name of Fritch's Lake was changed to Wingfoot Lake.

Another local industry which has reached quite large proportions is the Harry Miller Excavating Company, where about 90 men are employed, with the use of very modern earth-moving equipment, some of gigantic proportions.

INDUSTRIES

One of the earliest General Stores was owned by the Geidlinger Brothers, Fred and Charles. Later the frame building that had been the second Church was moved to the northwest corner of the square and what was then known as the

TO THE RIGHT: Grandma and Grandpa went to school here.

BELOW: The recently enlarged and modern school building for grade and high school students.



New Store was opened. Smith and Walters were the proprietors, who later sold the property to John T. Roetzel.

After several years, he was joined by Ira H. Shanafelt, who for more than 50 consecutive years was the village storekeeper. In the meantime, he took for a partner his brother-in-law, Frank Stout. Since their death, George, the son of Stout, took over the business, who in turn has associated with him his brother-in-law, James Seiter.

Beck's Market is owned and operated by Wm. Beck and two sons, Virgil and Paul.

An electric and appliance store is adjoining, operated by John Beck and Son, Robert.

A large barn, located in the village, has been painted white, and houses a restaurant and a large garage and service station. This place is currently known as "The White Barn". There are several other places of refreshment.

Two other Food Stores are located, one east of Suffield, and one east of Mogadore.

The Wingfoot Lake Hatchery was founded by Charles Ewell about 20 years ago. Since the death of Charles, it is owned and operated by the Kapper Brothers, Alfred and Lewis.



THE SUFFIELD EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH
Founded in 1841. Present structure built
in 1882. Sunday School rooms added later.

SCHOOLS

The first school was opened in 1807 with nine pupils, with Harvey Hulbert as teacher. One book records that Mrs. Thomas Hale taught the second school in 1809 with six pupils. But another historian quotes that until 1831 no women were allowed to teach schools, and then only by written permission from the residents of said district.

The first known school at the Center was a one-room building on the site of where the first High School building was erected. Among the teachers were Frank Rhodes and Miss Lodema Moatz. As the population increased, this building was moved across the road on the banks of the pond. An upper story was later added to this and the building was known as Fritch's Hall, where lodge meetings, dances, and other social events were held.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE AT ST. JOSEPH
ATTRACTS TOURISTS FROM FAR AND NEAR

erected west of the square, and the schools were centralized. This has again been enlarged and about 500 pupils are now enrolled annually. David Nelson is the Superintendent, with 22 teachers employed.

There are courses in music, commercial, besides the regular studies, also Home Economic and F.F.A., and athletics. Modern equipment along all departments go to make our present education program as efficient as possible. Pupils are taken to school in modern busses, a quite different way of attending school than in the old days, when children walked miles through rain, snow and mud.

MAIL

Mail facilities were extremely meager in early days. Late as 1801, Pittsburgh and Meadville, were the nearest Post Offices to the Western Reserve. In October 1801 the first mail was delivered to Warren. Postage was high and frequently a bushel of wheat was refused as payment on a single letter. The first Post Office was established in 1833 - Bengamin Fritch being the first Postmaster. Later Postmasters-Charles Geidlinger, I.H. Shanafelt, J.T. Roetzel, C. A. Luley, Burleight, Harrison, Grogan. Present Postmaster, Charles Weary-in office since 1933.

Rural Free Delivery established about 1900-Lewis Hawk being the first carrier, followed by his son, Harry, Harry Schmiedel, Lee Upson, Henry Upson. Several later ones-Russell Muster, Robert Kehner, and the present Mr. Bengamin.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH AT ST. JOSEPH
WAS FOUNDED IN 1831

In 1891 a two-story school building was erected, with eight grades below and a High School above. Mr. Arbuckle was the first High School teacher, while Miss Clara Tupper taught the grades. Many teachers took their turn in both rooms. Among the High School teachers were: Davis, Housel, Charles Kent, E. E. Bletzer, Woodling, E. D. Fritsch, A. M. Douthitt; lower grades: Mr. Rhodes, Miss Blanche Cook, Alice Stout, and many others.

At one time there were nine one-room schools scattered throughout the township, where many worth-while citizens of today learned their first lessons in the "3 R's".

In 1924, a modern building was

TOWNSHIP DOCTORS

Dr. F. P. Russell born in Valparaiso, Indiana, and located in Suffield in 1881 after studying medicine under Dr. Belden of Ravenna and taking the degree of M.D. at the University of Wooster. He built up for himself a large and influential practice in the Township.

Dr. J.C. Ferguson, physician in Mogadore, Suffield Township, son of Samuel Ferguson, born in Suffield Township. He finished his education at Wadsworth Academy, taught school for several years in the township, then began studying medicine under Dr. Jewett, graduated at the Western Reserve College and settled in Mogadore in 1852, where he practiced medicine until his death.

Dr. Frederick J. Bauer, physician and surgeon, son of Jacob Bauer, of Wertenberg, Germany. In 1877 he began studying medicine under Dr. J. C. Ferguson, graduating from the University of Wooster, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1880, and settled down with his former preceptor in Mogadore, where he built up a large practice throughout the Township.

The last resident physician in Suffield was Dr. Fulton, who resided in the village for many years.

Although many Doctors have come and gone from surrounding communities, throughout the years, Dr. Joseph Warburton, located in Mogadore is outstanding in years of practice. He still faithfully ministers to his many patients throughout the township, although having reached an advanced age.

RAILROAD

The only railroad in Suffield Township is the Wheeling, Lake Erie, originally known as the Connotton Valley Railway Company, which was formed by the consolidation of the Connotton Valley and the Connotton Northern Railway Companies.

In 1878 this Company purchased the Ohio and Toledo Railroad with a finished track from Dellroy to Minerva. In 1879 the Company was chartered to build a road from Canton, Ohio to Cleveland, Ohio. This entered the southern line of Suffield Township and was completed and trains running as far north as Mogadore by June 1881, and during the same year was finished and opened through to Cleveland, Ohio.

For a number of years five passenger trains were making the trips daily. At present it is only used to carry freight. Mentioning some of the Station Agents: Lou Long; Robert Cartmill; Curtis Sell; Charles Ferguson; Carl Burtscher;



SUFFIELD'S FINE FIRE STATION HOUSES THREE UP-TO-DATE FIRE ENGINES. IT IS ONE OF THE BEST FIRE-FIGHTING ORGANIZATIONS IN PORTAGE COUNTY.

U. S. Burtscher; Clay Baker; W. R. Dodds; Mrs. W. R. Dodds. The Suffield Station has been removed the last year.

The Suffield Fire Department was organized in 1942 with a group of Volunteer Firemen, who have been taking Supervised Training through the years. They have proved themselves efficient and of great help to the community in times of need. Wm. Thomas is the present Fire-Chief.

This township sent 104 boys to the Civil War; 12 did not return.

During the First World War, our township sent many boys to fight for freedom. All returned except Park Etter, for whom the Mogadore American Legion Post is named.

Our township sent many more boys to take part in the Second World War. Nine of them did not return.

A number of our boys have been sent to Korea and Germany, where several are still stationed. Of their number, Paul Church, age 20, a Korean veteran, was recently killed in Germany and brought home for burial.

The village of Mogadore lies on the dividing line of the Portage and Summit Counties, thus part of it being in Suffield Township. Mogadore is incorporated, and its present Mayor is Louis Stuber.

It is a thriving little city with a large bank, rubber works, chair factory, several food markets, clothing stores, pottery works, tool factory, etc.



SUFFIELD TOWN HALL IN THE VERY CENTER OF THE TOWNSHIP, IS USED FOR MANY SOCIAL AND BUSINESS EVENTS.



LEFT; THE FIRST FRAME HOUSE, STILL STANDING IN THE REAR OF THE FORMER KENT HOME AT KENT'S CORNERS, NOW OWNED BY HARRY RHODES.
RIGHT: TRAVELING IN STYLE IN THE NINETIES.

Martin Kent, Sr. and wife, Abigail, came from Connecticut in 1805. They endured many hardships such as sinking in a ferryboat while crossing the Conneaut River and the subsequent severe illness of Martin, Sr. They purchased the Royal Pease property which has since been known as "Kents Corners". They built the first frame house in the township. Their sons, Martin, Jr. and George, were the ancestors of Harlan Kent of Akron and Mrs. James Smith of Mogadore, respectively. Another son, Josiah, was the ancestor of the Duane Kent Family, whose children were Charles and Florence.

One of the earliest settlers were John and Mary Ann Fritch, who came to Suffield from Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1805, with their three little girls, and settled at beautiful Fritch's Lake. They endured the hardships of pioneer life, and left a family of 11 children. One son, John, was a popular auctioneer for over 30 years, and was the father of George Fritch, who married Louisa Weaver. Of this family, there were three sons, eldest of whom is the well-known Judge Irvin D. Fritch of Akron, still living. Another son, George, was married to Mary Rhodes, daughter of Jacob Rhodes, and of this family were Catherine, who married Peter Wegman, and Jacob, who married Nora Bolender. This George Fritch's home was located across from the present Milo Ewell residence, once the home of Jacob Fritch.

The Kurtz ancestor, Abraham Kurtz, came to this County from Pennsylvania in 1854. He married Miss Anna Mishler and raised a large family, whose descendants have been numerous and highly respected down through the years, many of whom are still residents in Suffield.

Among the early families was the Jacob Bauer family, whose home was in the southeast part of the township. They were the parents of Dr. Frederick J. Bauer, who for many years ministered to the needs of Suffield folk. Mrs. John May was a sister of Dr. Bauer, also of one Rudolph Bauer. The John Mays had a large family of children, two of whom became prominent in legal affairs: Attorney Clarence May, and Probate Judge Dean F. May of Akron, who is now deceased.

Another early family was the Conrad Brumbaugh family. His wife was Miss Eliza Mishler, and they had a large family. To each child, the father gave a piece of land for which he had paid \$1.00 and \$2.00 an acre. One daughter was married to Daniel Feller and their farm remained in the Feller hands for many years. One son, Samuel, lived to the grand old age of 97 years, having spent nearly his entire life in Suffield, although in later years he had purchased the old Kunkle homestead adjoining the railroad. His only son, Edward, was married to Dora Kunkle, and is now deceased, but his widow and two sons and their family still reside at a new home built on the old farm just east of the old Feller home.



AN OLD-TIME LOG STRUCTURE WHICH IS STILL IN USE AS A DWELLING. IT IS LOCATED ON THE EAST EDGE OF MOGADORE.

Jacob Etter came from Germany, settled in Stark County, then moved to Suffield and bought the Sam Ebie farm more than 75 years ago, and brought his family, living to the grand age of 98 years. He was the father of Mrs. Minnie (Etter) Keggereis, who lives on the old Layman home. The Layman family came to Suffield many, many years ago, living on the north shores of Fritch's Lake, and the entire family lived and died on this farm.

Michael Bletzer, a blacksmith and wagon-maker, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, September 1, 1833. He married Alvertine Helwig. Of their 13 children, 5 were burned to death when their residence burned to the ground. Of their remaining children, Emanuel married Lodema Gehris and was a teacher. George a blacksmith, lived in Greentown. Hartman spent his life in this community and was the last Suffield blacksmith, learning the trade from his father before he was 8 years old. When still very young, he shod oxen and bulls and broke many of them to be used with yokes. He drove bulls to haul railroad ties for the building of the local railroad in 1881.

The first wedding in the township was that of Freeman Upson and Sally Culver, married by Benjamin Baldwin in 1808. Their first log house was built on the present location of the Norman Cramer home. Freeman's brother, Alva, helped transport slaves from one underground station to another. These brothers traveled to Cleveland several times a year for supplies. During the weeks they were gone, Mrs. Sallie Upson kept croutons on hand to give the Indians so they would not molest them. The original Upson farm was the present Dembosky farm in northeastern part of the township. A small cemetery of one-half acre is on this farm, where Freeman and wife and several relatives are buried. At the first County election, held in 1808, Stephen Upson & Jonathon Foster voted.

Jacob Schmiedel, farmer, was born in 1845, son of Jacob Schmiedel, a native of Saxony, Germany, born in 1800, and with wife and five children migrated to this country in 1840. Our subject married Anna Haag, they were the parents of eight children, three of whom are living.

Henry Agne was born in 1843, son of Phillip, who immigrated from Germany in 1833. Henry built the homestead at the south tip of Suffield township, for years occupied by his family, now owned by Mr. Himmelright, Executive of the Monarch Rubber Company. Henry's son, Royal, is a minister and Red Cross Executive from Washington, D.C. Henry's sister, Elizabeth, married Jacob Moatz, parents of Mrs. Frank Rhodes and Mrs. Smith

Solomon Way was born in 1817 in Suffield, son of David and Rebecca Baldwin who came from Connecticut by wagons in 1802. Rebecca Way, daughter of David, born in 1803, was the first birth in the township. Jack and his wife Ora lived for many years on the homestead which is now the home of the Shanafelt Brothers.

John Kline was born in 1837 of parents who migrated from Germany. Of his descendents, Aaron Kline and wife Jenny live in a new house on the old farm, and their son, Harold, and wife, Mary Jane May, live in the homestead.

Nicholas Luley, born in 1854, married Elizabeth Dauber. They were the parents of four children and spent most of their years at Suffield Center where he operated a carriage and wagon business. He was also Township clerk for many years.

Joseph Mishler, born in 1811, married Magdalene Garl, daughter of Reuben Garl who was a Hessian soldier in the Revolutionary War. They are the parents of Isaac, Jacob, a Minister of the Gospel, and Joseph. Benjamin Mishler, son of Joseph, married Nancy Young. They were the parents of Samuel. The Mishler families lived in Mishler Center, which was a Railroad Center at that time.

Joel Coburn, son of David Coburn, a native of Manson, Massachusetts, and Nancy (Moulton) Coburn. Wilbur, son of Joel Coburn, settled upon his farm in Suffield Township until old age, when he retired and moved to Mogadore, and his son still resides on the farm.



TIME AND TIDE STOP FOR NO MAN. TAKEN A FEW YEARS AGO, NOT ALL OF THOSE ON THE PICTURE ARE ALIVE. SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN RECOGNIZE.

P R O G R A M

(Eastern Standard Time)

11:00 A. M.

Old-Time Church Service - - - - - - Rev. Blum

12:30 P. M.

Basket Dinner

2:00 P. M.

Group Singing

Invocation - - - - - - Rev. F. J. Bertram

Greetings - - - - - - Mrs. H. C. Cook

Glee Clubs - - - - - - In charge of Mrs. Wagner

Welcome from Portage County Historical Society - Mr. Herbert Heighton

Musical Echoes - - - - - - Mrs. Fred Swartz

Address - - - - - - Mr. Chester Wise

"In the Suds" - - - - - - { Barbara Polen
Vonne Postlethwaite
David Baker

Group Singing, Patriotic

Twilight Pageant

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| 1. Indian Settlement | 13. First World War |
| 2. Coming of the White Man | 14. P. T. A. |
| 3. White Man's Cabin | 15. Fire Department |
| 4. Covered Wagon | 16. Boy Scouts |
| 5. First Child Born | 17. 4-H Clubs |
| 6. Worship | 18. Trustees |
| 7. School | 19. Garden Club |
| 8. Civil War | 20. Depression |
| 9. Wedding | 21. Second World War |
| 10. The Coming of the Automobile | 22. War Mothers |
| 11. Square Dance | 23. Route 224 |
| 12. General Store | 24. Fireworks |



Hugh Martin settled in Suffield Township in 1810, erected his residence on the homestead farm. He served twelve years as Justice of the Peace; a man of influence and a valuable citizen. His son, Marshal Martin, remained on the farm and as his father was a Justice of the Peace. After the death of Marshal, his son Ralph carried on the farm for many years.

John Sweeney, an early resident of Suffield Township, lived east of Suffield Center on the farm formerly owned by Frank Ewell. He was the father of two children; Clara Gehres, mother of two daughters, Lodema and Anna Belle; and Frank Sweeney, father of Estella and Erton - a tinner by trade, located in Mogadore, Suffield Township.

Aaron and Elizabeth Lutz, came from Lancaster County, Penn., settled in Suffield Township in 1839. They were owners of a large farm. Of their family, Ezra, Henry and George were successful farmers. William, a carpenter by trade, built many of the houses and barns in the township.

Amos Saxe, farmer, son of Michael and Sarah Saxe, natives of Penn., moved to Ohio in 1820 and settled in Suffield Township, which was then a wilderness. A small place was cleared for a house - the floor was made of split logs, a blanket doing service for a door. The family numbered nine when the house was first occupied. Michael Saxe, a tailor by trade, left the farming to his son Amos, who married Amanda Harter, - parents of Florence, Grace and Ray Saxe.

Lawrence Memmer, son of David and Margaret (Arehart) Memmer, came to America with his parents from Bavaria, Germany, in 1836. In 1838 they settled in Suffield Township. He married Rebecca Wise, settled on a farm in central part of Township, where they spent their lives. They were the parents of Charles Memmer who was always a resident of Suffield.

Joseph and Eva Arehart, natives of Bavaria, Germany, settled on a farm in Suffield Township in 1832. Their sons, John and Andrew, remained in the Township and became farmers. Charles Arehart-son of John, is now living in Florida at the age of 86.

Charles Wilson, native of London, England, came to this country about 1790. In 1803 he married Elizabeth Shelton. They settled in Suffield Township on the farm now owned by Nicholas Iriana. Samuel, son of Charles, married Catherine Sollers in 1836-moved to a farm in northeastern part of Township, where his son, Aaron, continued farming for 14 years-then moved to the Wilson home near east of Mogadore.

William Paulus, son of David and Catherine Paulus, natives of Penn., moved to Suffield Township in 1839. Urias, son of William, was a veteran of Civil War. Our subject settled in Suffield Township where he was elected Justice of the Peace in 1851. He was known to Suffield residents as Squire Paulus. Other children of William Paulus were Isaac, James, Jane, Jefferson, and Catherine. Among their descendents are Eugene and Floyd, the father of Charles Paulus, a teacher in the Kent school.

The Charles Garmier family was among the early settlers. They had five sons - one of whom was a Doctor.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, OVER 300 BLIMPS OF VARIOUS SIZES FOR COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY USE HAVE BEEN MADE BY GOODYEAR AT WINGFOOT LAKE SINCE 1916.

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HERE'S THE MAMMOTH GOODYEAR AIRSHIP DOCK AT WINGFOOT LAKE WHERE ALMOST 700 PEOPLE ARE NOW EMPLOYED IN MAKING AIRSHIP AND AIRPLANE PARTS. HERE'S WHERE THE FAMOUS BLIMPS ARE MADE BY GOODYEAR.

One of the old landmarks was the Hotel at the Center, and one of the first owners was John Laudenslager. In later years, after changing hands various times, to Dave Ruggles, then to Memmer, then to May, when a garage was built, adjoining. Not many years later, the Hotel structure was entirely destroyed by fire about 1928. A house was eventually erected on the site by Claude Fox, who also ran the garage until just a year ago when that too was destroyed by fire when a tractor-trailer outfit rammed into it.

Into the southeast part of the township, during the early settling, came a strain of sturdy farmers, who made up a splendid representation of pioneers. Among them were the Henry Schumacher family, the Sam Swineharts, the Henry Schwartzs, the Shaffers, the Corls, the Peter Shultzs, Werstlers, the Greggys, the Wearys, the Dennys, the Sausamons, the Falls', the Pontius' the Amicks, the Kellers, the Keeners, the Andrew Faylors, the Jake Grohes, the Upsons, the Paulus', the Prices, the Glesses, the Bisslers. Many had large families, many intermarried, and many cherished the neighborliness and friendship down through the years. An interesting item is that many of them are buried in friendly proximity in nearby Hartville Cemetery. All owned their homes for many years but only one, it seems, is still in the hands of the original family's descendants - that of the Faylor farm.

Up in the opposite corner of the township was the Philip Hawk farm, high in hills, whose son was Philip also, and one of his sons, Fred, was a Minister of the Reformed Church. Other families were: the Harters, the Ottos, the Miniers, the Katzenmyers' the Eshelmans, the Flittners, the Wises, the Grines, the Wilsons, the Areharts, the Myers', the Mishlers, the Lansingers, the Albingers, the Roudebushes, the Woodrings.

Other well known families in the village and vicinity were the Adam Wegman family, whose sons, Peter and Adam, were lifelong residents, the Wm. Stout family who were intermarried with the Gates, Potter, Shanafelt, Neubauer and Cramer families, and whose descendants have been an integral part of the history of Suffield, the Martin Bissler family, most of whom at one time made their

homes in the township or village; the Ewell families; different strains of the Wise family; the Memmers, the Wearys; the Millers; the Porters; the Smiths; the Mays; the Klines; the Peros, the Andes', the Trares', the Knapps. Later in the century came the Wm. Fox family from Stark County, purchasing the old Fisher Farm, which has been in the family for 60 years; the Wm. Eaver family; the Ernest Aberegs', the Strattons.

So the list could go on and on, but we pause here to pay tribute to all those whom we may not have mentioned but who too lived, or are living, out their lives as a part of this township.

We wish to express sincere appreciation to all those who in any way gave assistance toward making this event an enjoyable occasion and one of pleasant memories.



CHARLES E AREHART, AGE 86, IS BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST LIVING PERSON BORN IN SUFFIELD TOWNSHIP.

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 Through the night with a light from above
 From the mountains, To the Prairies
 To the oceans white with foam
 God bless America
 My home sweet home.

2

OLD FOLKS AT HOME

Way down upon the Swanee River, far, far away,
 There's where my heart is turning ever,
 There's where the old folks stay.
 All up and down the whole creation, sadly I roam,
 Still longing for the old plantation,
 And for the old folks at home.
 All the world is sad and dreary, everywhere I roam,
 Oh! darkies how my heart grows weary,
 Far from the old folks at home.

3

WHEN YOU AND I WERE YOUNG, MAGGIE

I wandered today to the hill, Maggie, to watch the scene
 below,
 The creek and the old rusty mill, Maggie, where we sat in
 the long, long ago.
 The green grove is gone from the hill, Maggie, where first
 the daisies sprung.
 The creaking old mill is still, Maggie, since you and I were
 young.
 And now we are aged and gray, Maggie, the trials of life
 nearly done;
 Let us sing of the days that are gone, Maggie,
 When you and I were young.

4

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty,
 Of thee I sing.
 Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
 From every mountain side
 Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of Liberty,
 To Thee we sing.
 Long may our land be bright
 With freedom's holy light.
 Protect us by Thy might,
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